

SENATE WATCH

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FINAL PASSAGE

HB 4008 (Caswell)

HB 4008 would amend how reciprocal agreements for higher education institutions are governed and implemented. Specifically, the bill would provide that reciprocal agreements be limited to three year terms, tuition rate charged be that rate for in-state, out-of-district students, and that Dept. of Labor and Economic Growth be the governing agency of agreements. Agreements could be renewed or extended after the three year term with approval by the appropriations committees of the House and Senate. The Department would be required to annually review all reciprocal agreements.

Support: Department of Education, DLEG, Eastern Michigan University.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC]. (5/18)
- HB 4008 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 4008 passed with IE [RC 155: 38 yes, 0 no]. (5/19)

HB 4142 (Palmer)

HB 4142 would change the original Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) authorizing statute to revise the manner in which the state assessment program is administered. This bill would go one step further to ensure that the delays with assessment scorings and lost tests that occurred a few years ago will not happen again. It will also help ensure proper oversight of the assessment vendors. The interest groups have not taken a position on this legislation. While they do not believe the bill necessary, they do not feel strongly about opposing it.

Support: The Michigan Department of Education.

- HB 4142 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments. (5/18)
- HB 4142 passed with IE [RC 156: 38 yes, 0 no]. (5/19)

THIRD READING

SB 128 (Sanborn)

SB 128 would require the Department of State Police to notify, by electronic or computerized means, any member of the public who subscribed in a manner required by the Department, when a person listed on the state

Sex Offender list his or her sex offender registration to a location that was in a zip code area designated by the subscribing member of the public.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- Sanborn 1A (1 amend) was adopted.
- SB 128 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4528 (Law)

HB 4528 would eliminate the statute of limitations on conspiracy to commit murder. The bill is similar to House Bill 4757 of the 2001-2002 legislative session. That bill passed the House of Representatives but failed to see action in the Senate. There is no statute of limitations on murder, yet current law places a ten-year statute of limitations on the crime of conspiracy to commit murder. This discrepancy poses several problems for law enforcement personnel. Sometimes, a case may take longer than ten years to build.

Support: Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

• HB 4528 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.